

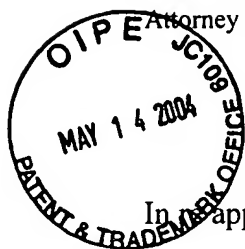
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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, and in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the four (4) cited U.S. patent documents are not enclosed. However, copies of the two (2) foreign patent

documents are included. An English language abstract is provided with the cited foreign patent document EP 1 190 673 from which the relevance of this documents can be ascertained. A copy of the International Search Report is also included herewith.

Foreign patent document DE 295 18 784, which is absent an English language abstract, discloses a blood withdrawal equipment with a cylindrical housing which presents a front neck and a hole transversally running through the front neck. The equipment comprises a needle cannula, a tubular puncturing element and a cross-shaped linking tube which is fastened to the front neck of the cylindrical housing in order to maintain the needle cannula outside the housing and the tubular puncturing element inside the housing. The equipment is provided with a negative pressure tube disposed in the cylindrical housing to collect the blood of a patient through the needle cannula.

Furthermore to foreign document patent DE 295 18 784, a spring element is attached with one end on the front neck in the hole and is maintained in position with a end cap. A valve is disposed through the hole in the cross-shaped tube and rests against the spring element in order to close the passage through the cross-shaped tube between the needle cannula and the tubular puncturing element. The valve has a handle which overhang out of the hole and which is covered with a rubber casing. Blood can be sucked through the needle cannula as the rubber casing is pushed in order to press the valve against the spring element.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

This information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing of the first office action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fee is due, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and further authorize the Commissioner to debit any fee which is due to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order No. 069208.0117.

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